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This Amendment and Reply is to the Office Action dated August 11, 2004 for the above-identified patent application. Since this response is due November 11, 2004, which is a Federal holiday, it is timely filed on November 12, 2004.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant encloses herewith Form PTO/SB/08B and a copy of the seven references cited therein. As required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c), the fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) (\$180) is provided in the enclosed check.

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